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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 25, 2002, the following remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Status of the claims:

Claims 1 and 6-9 are pending and ready for further action on the merits. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Rejections under 35 USC §103

Claims 1 and 6-9 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over over Tachikawa '255 (US Patent No. 4,356,255) combined with Aoai '143 (US Patent No. 5,576,143).